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**Letter dated 14 June 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 14 June 2017 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, Ibrahim A!-Jaafari, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed Sahib **Marzooq**
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## Annex to the letter dated 14 June 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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I have the honour to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) should be extended for a further period of one year through 31 July 2018, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the conditions set out in Security Council resolution 1770 (2007). The Government of Iraq would also like the Mission to continue to provide assistance and advice, upon the request of the Government.

The Government of Iraq reaffirms the importance of the role of the United Nations, and of UNAMI in particular, in providing advice, support and assistance to the Iraqi people and the Government pursuant to the mandate set out in resolution 1770 (2007), particularly given that Iraqi security forces are about to rid Iraq of the terrorist gangs of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and to wipe them out once and for all.

As the Government of Iraq prepares for the post-ISIL period, it is quite clear that the Mission can help Iraq address the challenges it currently faces, namely, the reconstruction of liberated areas, ensuring the return of displaced persons, strengthening human rights, promoting the rule of law, execution of planning programmes, building capacity and national reconciliation. You are no doubt aware that the extremely serious humanitarian crisis caused by acts of terrorism has displaced millions of Iraqis, who were forced to leave the areas in which they resided, and that such acts have also destroyed the infrastructure of a number of cities. The people and Government of Iraq are therefore in dire need of the assistance and advice of UNAMI in ensuring a decent life for all Iraqis.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim **Al-Jaafari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq